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- 3) Copy of newly executed Declaration covering the above items.

Kindly file the above, and

- advise applicant of the filing date accorded this filing.
- treat this as a Petition for accordation to applicant of the original filing date 4/24/01.

It is believed and urged that the specification was included with the original specification of this application (14 pages of specification and 9 pages of claims) as stated on the postcard receipt (copy enclosed).

Furthermore, applicant's attorney's practice is to file the specification in front of the drawings, and clipped to the drawings; there was no indication from the PTO that the drawings were not filed; so that if the drawings were filed the great likelihood is that the specification was also enclosed, to be filed. If the practice of the PTO is to un-clip the specification from the drawings, the specification might well have been misplaced after its separation from the drawings, by clerks.

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